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Urban Champion

Ed Washington honored for improving lives of others

Ed Washington, a longtime Portland civic leader from Portland's African American community, and a steadfast champion to the causes of urban issues and civil rights, will receive this year's Nohad A. Toulan Urban Pioneer Award for Public Service bestowed by the College of Urban and Public Affairs at Portland State University.

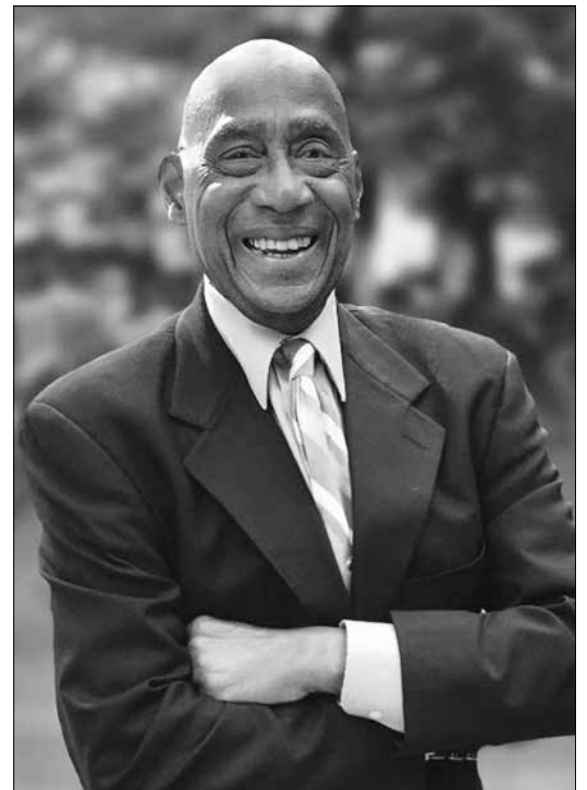
The award is given annually to a community leader who exhibits the values taught to students and held dear by the college's faculty and community partners, PSU officials said, in announcing Washington's selection for the award last week.

The desired values include public service, civic leadership, insight into the nature of local and regional urban problems, visionary responses to urban issues and contributing to Portland's reputation as one of the most vital and thriving urban centers in the nation.

Washington was born in Birmingham, Ala. in 1937, and his family moved to Vanport—a Portland metro area city comprised of wartime public housing—in 1944. Tragically, Ed and his family lost their home in 1948 in the Vanport Flood.

His family moved around Portland for the next

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A longtime Portland civic leader and champion to the causes of urban issues and civil rights, Ed Washington is receiving Portland's State University's 2018 Nohad A. Toulan Urban Pioneer Award for Public Service.



Singer Ciara and her husband, Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson are new financial backers of an effort to build a professional baseball stadium and lure a Major League team to Portland.

Star Power Push for Baseball

Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson and his wife, the singer Ciara, have joined the effort to bring Major League Baseball to Portland.

The Portland Diamond Project, the company leading the push for a team and a new stadium to play, announced Friday that the husband-and-wife celebrities have each invested individually as "owner/investors" in the project.

The Diamond Project's leadership has stressed that its effort will take time, estimating an open-

ing day in Portland would come in 2022 at the earliest.

MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred has called Portland a candidate to acquire a franchise whether by expansion, which hasn't happened in 20 years, or relocation.

Though Wilson is an NFL quarterback, he has a connection to baseball. He played in the minor leagues while in college and practiced with the Texas Rangers during spring training in March.